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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)

72.049

First named inventor: SteffenApplication No.: 09/889,183Art Unit: 3671Filed: July 10, 2001Examiner: AddieTitle: Soil Compactor with Power Steering

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional

1. Petition Fee

- ☐ Small entity-fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Application claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity-fee \$ 1,620.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

- A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in
the form of RCE, Amendment, and Declaration (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____.
- ☒ is enclosed herewith.

- B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ _____.

- ☐ has been paid previously on _____.
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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☒ Reply
☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form
☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay
☒ Other: Request for Continued Examination

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Inventor:	Steffen	Art Unit:	3671
Serial No.:	09/889,183	Examiner:	Addie
Filed:	July 10, 2001	Confirmation No.	8529
For:	<i>Soil Compactor with Power Steering</i>	Customer No.:	23598

STATEMENT ESTABLISHING UNINTENTIONAL DELAY

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Sir:

This Statement is submitted under cover of a PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b), submitted herewith.

A Final Office Action was issued in the above-captioned application on March 21, 2003. Applicant responded to the Final Office Action on June 18, 2003. An Advisory Action was subsequently mailed on July 15, 2003. Applicant unintentionally failed to respond to the Advisory Action, file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), or file a Notice of Appeal. The application therefore was abandoned no later than September 21, 2003. An RCE and accompanying papers are filed herewith. The entire delay, from that initial date of abandonment until the filing of the attached Petition and the accompanying papers, was unintentional.

Applicant understands that the Office typically requires further information in explanation of the unintentional nature of the delay if the period between the date of abandonment or and the filing of a petition to revive exceeds an unofficial benchmark of 24 months from the date of abandonment. Since the period of abandonment in the present application exceeds that benchmark, Applicant will now provide the following information.

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As indicated above, the application went abandoned on September 21, 2003 because Applicant unintentionally failed to respond to the Advisory Action mailed July 15, 2003. Applicant's undersigned representative learned of the abandonment on or about October 15, 2003 (before the formal Notice of Abandonment was even mailed) and reported the abandonment to the Applicant via a letter dated October 20, 2003. That letter was accompanied by a draft response and partial a draft of a declaration to be filed under an RCE accompanying a Petition to Revive. The October 20, 2003 letter also requested information required to complete the draft declaration and the response. Applicant responded on December 10, 2003 with some of the information requested in the October 20, 2003 letter. Applicant's representative replied via a letter of December 19, 2003 requesting additional information. Applicant responded via a letter dated December 22, 2003.

The December 23, 2003 letter, which was transmitted by facsimile, was received by Applicant's representative's Firm, but was never matched with the file. Meanwhile, the Firm's docketing system removed this file from its dockets due the receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, dated November 3, 2003. Since it did not hear anything else from its representative on the subject, Applicant erroneously believed that this Petition and the accompanying papers had been filed with the USPTO. For his part, in the absence of receiving any reminders from the Firm's docketing system, Applicant's representative appears to have simply forgotten about this file in the crush of other business.

The errors and resultant unintentionally continued delay in reviving the application went undetected by either Applicant or Applicant's representative until August, 2011. Specifically, on August 16, 2011, Applicant's representative sent Applicant a schedule of all applications and patents assigned to it for the purposes of assigning those applications to a newly-formed subsidiary. In a reply dated August 30, 2011, Applicant noted that the present application was not on that schedule

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and requested that it be added. Applicant's representative then checked his files and realized that the Petition to Revive had never been filed. Upon being advised of this fact by Applicant's representative, Applicant confirmed that it never intended to abandon the application and that its intention to revive the application still remains in effect.

All of the documents referenced above are available for consideration by the Office upon request. However, since some of these documents contain proprietary information and/or information unrelated to this application, the Office is respectfully requested to rely upon Applicant's duty of candor and good faith and accept the statement of unintentional delay and the accompanying additional explanation at face value. Applicant's representative acknowledges in this regard that, in fulfillment of his obligations under 37 CFR § 10.18, he has inquired into the underlying facts and circumstances and that he can attest to the veracity of the statements contained herein

The Office is entitled to contact the undersigned with any questions or requests for additional information or documentation

Respectfully submitted,



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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION(RCE) TRANSMITTAL (Submitted Only via EFS-Web)							
Application Number	09/889,183	Filing Date	2001-07-10	Docket Number (if applicable)	72,049	Art Unit	3871
First Named Inventor	Steffen			Examiner Name	Addie		
<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. The Instruction Sheet for this form is located at WWW.USPTO.GOV</p>							
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